

**In-the-Hoop  
Flat Pet: Frog**



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**For  
Any  
Hoops**

# Preparations

You can use good-quality felt, minky, or mochi. Felt is a little harder to turn, but actually makes a better plushie in larger sizes since it's less likely to pucker.

All you need is a piece of stabilizer (tear-away is best), two rectangles of fabric, a scrap of white for the eyes, and some stuffing.

Cut your main fabric to one of the following sizes:

For a 4x4 hoop: 4" wide by 4 1/2" tall

For a 5x7 hoop: 5 1/2" by 6 1/2"

For an 8x8 or 6x10 hoop: 7" by 8 1/2"

*(Note: The 6x10 hoop uses the same size file as the 8x8 in this case, but since one of my machines is an 8x8 that's the file name that wins out.)*

## Eye Applique

Hoop a piece of stabilizer and float one piece of felt/minky, face up and centered. Place the white fabric at the top of the green and run the first stitch to tack it in place.

Trim around the stitching. Only the inside lower portion needs to be close to the stitching; the rest will end up in the seam allowance.



## Eye Satin



Using thread that matches either the eye applique or the minky (your choice), run the satin stitch.

## Face Stitching

Run the face stitching in black or dark green.

Trim any jump threads.



## Final Stitching



Switch to a thread that matches your fabric, put the other piece of felt/minky face down, and sew the final stitching.

If you're using felt, especially on the smaller hoops, you can instead put the felt on the underside of the hoop and leave it un-turned.

## Cutting Out

Take the piece out of the hoop.

Tip: If you don't plan to turn it, tear your stabilizer away before cutting close to the seams so that it doesn't come out bit-by-bit.

Trim a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Cut closer at points of toes, and cut a notch close to but not through the seam everywhere there's an inner point - eyes, neck, toes, arms, legs, and below the knees.



## Turning



Use a turning tool, hemostat, or chopstick to turn the body right-side out through the hole left between the arm and legs (between the legs on the smallest frog). Make sure you poke all the points right-side out, and outer curves like the knees and cheeks.

## Stuffing

Stuff the arms and legs first, making sure you get into the toes. Leave the stuffing a little tapered-off as you approach the limb creases

The original pattern called for stitching across each limb and ear after stuffing, so if you have a conventional sewing machine you can do that now.

Stuff the body, folding each limb over as you stuff next to it, so that you leave an empty spot for the "joint." Make sure you don't leave an empty spot at the neck, and stuff just until any wrinkles disappear. (With felt, overstuffing will *produce* wrinkles.)

If you like, you can hand-sew the limb creases, or just make a French tack in the center to keep the stuffing in place.

Whip-stitch the turning opening closed. You're done!



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